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COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING BROADBAND PCS C AND F BLOCK INSTALLMENT PAYMENT ISSUES

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will host a public forum to discuss broadband PCS C and F block installment payment issues and proposed alternative financing arrangements raised in the Public Notice released on June 2, 1997.¹ The Public Forum will be held on June 30, 1997 in the Commission Meeting Room, Suite 856, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No pre-registration is required to attend the Public Forum; however, only one representative per firm will be allowed to attend the Public Forum in the Commission Meeting Room. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional seating will be provided in overflow rooms where the Public Forum will be broadcast on closed-circuit television. Directions to the overflow rooms will be provided outside the Commission Meeting Room.

Overall, the theme of the forum will be "How Can The Commission Best Ensure That Broadband PCS C And F Block Licenses Are Used To Provide Service To The Public?" There will be two separate panels consisting of representatives from the wireless industry and the financial community. Time will be reserved for audience members to make comment and ask questions.

¹ See Public Notice "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Broadband PCS C and F Block Installment Payment Issues," DA 97-679 (released: June 2, 1997).

The first panel will address the general question of whether the Commission should consider modification of the payment rules for broadband PCS C and F block installment debt licensees.² The second panel will address specific proposals for alternative financing arrangements and debt discounting.³

The event will be video recorded, and copies of videotapes may be ordered at no cost from the Office of Public Affairs, telephone (202) 418-0460, TTY (202) 418-1388, facsimile (202) 418-2809. Please provide a blank T-120 minutes High Quality videotape with a request indicating the date and title of the event to be copied, to: Federal Communications Commission, Office of Public Affairs, Television Staff, Room 202, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Please note "Issue: C and F Block Forum" on the envelope. You must include a stamped return addressed envelop or pick up the video tape in person. The audio portion of the Open Forum will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio>.

For further information, contact Rachel Kazan (rkazan@fcc.gov) or Sande Taxali (staxali@fcc.gov) of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

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² See Cook Inlet Region, Inc., Petition for Rulemaking, filed May 7, 1997 (RM-9093) attached as Appendix D to the Public Notice released June 2, 1997.

³ See Letter from Thomas Gutierrez, Esq., *et al* to Michele C. Farquhar, Esq., Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (March 13, 1997), filed on behalf of Alpine PCS, Inc.; DCR PCS, Inc.; Eldorado Communications, L.L.C.; Indus, Inc.; KMTel L.L.C.; Mercury PCS, L.L.C.; Microcom Associates; NextWave Communications, Inc.; and R&S PCS, Inc. and attached as Appendix A to the Public Notice released June 2, 1997. See also Letter from Leonard S. Sawicki, Director, FCC Affairs, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, to Mr. William F. Caton, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (May 1, 1997) attached as Appendix B to the Public Notice released June 2, 1997; Letter from James H. Barker and Michael S. Wroblewski, Counsel to Fortunet Communications, L.P., to Mr. William F. Caton, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (May 9, 1997) attached as Appendix C to the Public Notice released June 2, 1997; and, General Wireless Inc., Informal Proposal (May 6, 1997) attached as Appendix E to the Public Notice released June 2, 1997.